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## PRAYER

"Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

I wonder why the easiest thing in the Christian life is the most difficult. I wonder why I work by a flickering candle when there is an electric switch within reach of my hand? The answer, of course, is that I don't. I am not so foolish—except in one direction, and that is Godward. In our spiritual lives, many of us seem to be content struggling along with all the poor, primitive resources of a weak, human nature, while all the infinite power of the Godhead is at our disposal. There is no condition of human nature, no circumstance of human life, that is not completely provided for in the all-embracing love of our Father, God; yet the vast majority of His children struggle along life's road, bearing burdens that He is eager to carry, and has urged them to entrust to Him. I wonder why? It should be an easy thing, an alluring thing, a **THRILLING THING TO TALK TO GOD**.

Yet, strange to relate, prayer is the most neglected of all the Christian ministries. The most perfunctory, abbreviated, and oftentimes omitted exercise of many a Christian's life is the prayer time. I wonder why? Perhaps the difficulty lies in its very ease, its utter simplicity. Just to kneel at your bedside, and with the old abandon of childhood, and with the same unquestioning faith, leave all the burdens and the cares, and needs with the Father! How childlike, but how difficult. How hard to relax; to spend an hour or even half of that time out of our busy, rushing, worried lives, and go quietly to our room, shut the door and be still in His presence! How to divest ourselves of our self-centeredness and self-consciousness, and ever present feeling that we must face and meet and shoulder all these cares and responsibilities! How just to be a child again, and with a happy sigh, settle down carefree at His feet, perfectly assured that He careth—that the government is upon His shoulder, and our cares and perplexities as well.

—Stuart M'Nairn.



William Jennings Bryan  
*Set for the Defense of the Faith*

## THE WARFARE OF FAITH

Beloved Fellow Soldiers:

It is well that we understand our task in keeping and earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Our responsibility goes far beyond a defense of the Bible as the Word of God. The Bible itself is our weapon, and our greatest strategy is to use it aggressively as a weapon. "For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The Bible is its own defense. With this in mind, a minimum of time and energy has been given to defending the Bible here at the William Jennings Bryan University. Rather, the Bible has been put to the test. The Bible has been taught as God's Word by godly teachers. Scripture has been compared with scripture. Students and staff members have been urged to read, to study and to meditate on God's Word. The Spirit of God has opened the scriptures unto us. Lives have been and are being transformed.

The results have been as God in-

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## IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME

Summer—season for vacation and play—but such has not been the case here at Bryan. However, we find real satisfaction in seeing the fruits of our labor and realizing the pleasures of industry.

We are quite proud of the fact that the last tile was laid a few days ago on the ground floor, completely encasing the foundation. Memories of tired backs and sweating brows could not begin to compare with the joy of seeing a hard job well done. The installation of a hot water system for the north end of the building in connection with the equipment for the new laundry room, should be a definite contribution in keeping our students clean and happy.

The print shop has been buzzing with activity, and many of our friends have enjoyed the benefits of late and early hours spent there. The new catalog is just off the press, the **NEWSETTE** is still coming out regularly, and prayer letters and Sunday School lessons continue to be sent to our friends each month.

But life is not all work at Bryan. We have our quiet times and our times of frivolity. Devotions around the dinner table, picnics at the Gulch, tennis, badminton, or just visiting with one another is safe insurance against "dull boys."

## THE CHALLENGE OF THIS HOUR TO THE SMALL COLLEGE

The Saturday Evening Post of October 16, 1943, carries an article: "Can The Small College Survive?" by Felix Morley, president of Haverford College. The burden of Dr. Morley's message is that some colleges face failure, but that the present crisis may prove a blessing, and that the conditions small colleges now face, may bring a long overdue overhauling. Our own appraisal of the situation is: The time is ripe for small colleges to return to strict liberal arts curricula. Major on the basic things: Mathematics. History. Fundamental Sciences. The cognate

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—God Above All—

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LEONARD WINSTEAD  
WRITES

In the August, 1943, NEWSETTE, we printed a letter received from Leonard Winstead. Leonard was president of the Student Body during the 1942-43 school year and graduated in June of 1943.

We now print another letter, received recently from Leonard, knowing that it will encourage our many friends who have had a part in furnishing a godly Christian education to the fine young people who choose to attend Bryan University. We hope this letter will stimulate prayer for all Christians in military service and particularly for those Bryan students who are witnessing to the salvation that is in Christ.

Dear President Rudd:

First of all, I think I had better bring myself up to date with a bit of progressive orientation. The last month of training at C. T. D. we received ten hours of dual flying. I liked flying even better than I had expected, and I felt very much at home in the air. I was ready to solo my sixth hour. It was also during this same time that I had an opportunity to preach in Carbondale. I had a good hearing from the townspeople and the University. The Lord gave me great freedom in presenting the gospel and God spoke in power. Of all the compliments I received, I appreciated the janitor's most. He said "You had to know Christ to preach like that."

On February 13, we arrived at S. A. A. C. C. for classification. After one week of tough physical, mental, (one 7½ hour test), coordination, and psychological testing, we were classified as Navigators, Bombardiers, and Pilots. Of course there were many S. D. D. S. (Washouts).

March 14 we moved into Pre-Flight School as the last class of Pilots. The Colonel greeted us with

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a challenge. He stated that it would be 10 weeks of continuous seclusion and concentration. We now know how true his statement was. For a period of nine weeks we never had a break in our training. Sundays were as other days except that we had two hours for church (8-10). It seemed exceedingly strange to take tests on Sunday. The fact that we really got to appreciate those two hours for worship was attested to each Sunday; the chapels were always full. It is good to see men wait in line to attend church. Here, men discover that man is not sufficient in himself. Our Chaplain has presented the gospel in a fine manner.

Pre-Flight School is run on the West Point system. The officers are select and the discipline rigid. Honor, duty, promptness, and exacting efficiency are absolute qualities. These must become habitual or else—"Mister you are no longer needed for Pilot training." It happens very often. Very often fellows just give up and request elimination. Now as I think of school here, I must think in the past tense because we have finished all our academic classes. The courses were thorough and concentrated. The other classes which continue are Physical Training (two hours daily), drill and parades, and lectures on any number of medical and military subjects. We also received instruction in Pistol firing. The first time I fired the 45 cal. pistol I scored 89.5%; 86 is expert.

In reference to my classes I have much reason to praise God. Just before final exams I, unfortunately, was the victim of real Lewisite Gas. I received blisters over my face and damage to my left eye. Here, our eyes must be perfect to copy blinker code and to identify planes at 1/10 second. One failure could have meant elimination. God intervened and my eyes recovered quickly so that I made excellent scores on the tests. This isn't the only reason I have to praise God. Numerous times H<sub>2</sub> has given to me just that extra strength and wisdom, and determination, and daring to succeed in the hard places. For the past five months I've had the responsibility of a Cadet Officer. Here I am a Squadron Commander and I am thankful for the additional training I've received. It hasn't been easy but it has been most interesting and educational. I shall never forget your lectures on Truth, Grace, and Discipline, and I have found the facts

TO YOU . . .

Congratulations! We rejoice with you and pray for the Lord's richest blessings upon you!



Eugene V. Rosenau, '44, and Ernestine Healan, '44, on June 22, at the home of the bride's parents in Winter Garden, Florida.

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"Lo, Children are an heritage of the Lord . . ."



Ralph, ex-'42, and Mrs. Gibson are foster parents of a daughter, Ardith Mildred, born June 19th at Bethalto, Illinois. Ralph is pastor of the Bethalto Baptist Church.

which you impressed upon my mind have been practical in dealing with men. I can humbly say that my squadron has been an outstanding one. Through all these months, my love for that song, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," has grown; God is ever faithful.

Tonight I am Wing Officer of the Guard so I've plenty of time for writing. This afternoon I ran in the cross-country race. There were 90 men selected from the thirty-five hundred in this wing, competing all at once. The race was a murderous one; gullies, hills, mesquite, and hot wind. I placed 6th. Last week I won the mile and two mile events in our group.

I enjoy the NEWSETTES and all news from Bryan. Bryan is a blessed place to be. Thanking you for your prayers and work at Bryan, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Leonard.

"The richest man is not the one who has the most but the one who gets the most out of what God has given him. To be rich is to be in partnership with God." —Selected.

Bryan University



## From the Mailbag . . .

Wilmington, Delaware

"Well, sir, I am happy to help in making a clean sweep of that budget. I trust that by the end of May you can wash the slate clean."

Maryland

I have been noticing with much interest Sam's climb up the ladder and was so happy to see the leap. I meant to send something at anniversary time but I am a little late. These are busy days and one is sometimes pressed for time. Enclosed please find my check for a \$5.00 contribution to help Sam on the way up a bit. Wish it could be more. I have a girl to go to Junior High next year and another to go to school in the fall. I am interested in the things that the young folks do at Bryan, they seem so worth while.

I am disappointed in the shallow things in the young peoples society here. For instance, tonight my oldest went to church at 6 o'clock; played games for an hour, ping-pong and the like, devotions for 10 minutes and ate hamburgers, pickles and ginger-ale for refreshments. She thinks it grand and I am the one that's out of tune with young folks. I see that she must leave such an environment. No other service in that church tonight.

So I am thanking God that Bryan is a place where young folks can go and have the right fellowship to guide them over the perilous years. Keep up the good work.

Cleveland, Ohio

"Two years away from Bryan Hill and I still get homesick for the place . . . I am amazed when I consider the audacity with which I answer and speak to a doctor—I, only a student nurse—but there have been no evil results as yet. In fact, one of the Jewish doctors told me, 'I envy anyone who has the faith you have. It gives a peace of mind that nothing else does.' I am realizing more and more the great darkness with which Satan has blinded so-called intelligent people by his great lie—Evolution."

New London, Ohio

"May God bless your efforts in His work, also each one of you there, is my prayer."

Varney, Kentucky

"May God's richest blessings be upon you and your work in the furtherance of the Gospel."

The Newsette

Williamsport, Pennsylvania

"The enclosed gift is in answer to your victory post card. It may not always be my privilege to give to you, but I would like to see you victorious this year, for you have prayed and worked to that end."

Akron, Ohio

"I just received your letter and I want to tell you right away that I am much concerned about the William Jennings Bryan Memorial; so much so, that I have made a covenant with the Lord that as he has not seen fit that I should be able to give of this world's goods, I would give my time in prayer at the least twice a day and according to the burden three times a day. I am praising Him, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts.

Little Rock, Arkansas

"I am enclosing a small contribution to apply on your debt campaign for the University. Only wish it could be more, but my income is very limited. I always remember the school in my prayers, and do hope that the indebtedness may soon be wiped out so as not to hinder the great cause for which the University was established, that of a true Christian training for young people. May God richly bless the efforts put forth by you and all your co-workers."

"I will join you in prayer every Monday from eleven a.m. to eleven-fifteen a.m. For this reproach to be removed." Yours for Christ's cause and the building up of Bryan University."

Wellington, Kansas

"Knowing that He is a prayer hearing God and that so far, He has never failed me, I here and now do pledge myself to continue to pull the ropes to high Heaven. Though our brother has gone on before us, yet time may never obliterate his works, his influence still speaks out loud. Yes, I do, and I will join you in prayer for William Jennings Bryan University.

"Age has crippled my hands and feet, but not my soul, so I am rejoicing. I have but recently passed the 87th milestone."

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"I am enclosing a small part of the Lord's money for Bryan. As I told

you, every penny means at least one minute of prayer for Bryan. I am inclined to stress the need of prayer for Bryan to my friends, rather than money. A gift of money is beneficial to the school just once—and when it is gone—it's gone; but one can never measure the far-reaching effects of prayer.

Atlanta, Georgia

"The need to-day is for God's people to really believe His Word and to launch out by faith and prove His precious promises, in undertaking objectives for His glory that are far beyond the natural realm of expectation. Now is the time to challenge Christian youth for dedication of themselves to God for full time service in getting the Gospel of Christ unto the ends of the earth and to challenge all other Believers to the same kind of dedication of their all to back them up in every way. As the Word directs and the Holy Spirit leads we should launch out on a scale of Gospel witnessing and preaching the Word of God that will dwarf by comparison anything that we have ever attempted before. He is able and faithful. I Corinthians 1:9; II Corinthians 5:14-21.

"You will be happy to know that God has enabled the Gideons to have ordered out for distribution over six millions of the special Testament and Psalms for the members of the Armed Forces of our country."

Rev. Moses H. Gitlin  
Detroit, Michigan

"You will be delighted to hear that after only two months of study of Yiddish, your girls (Misses Rebecca Peck and Ruth Clement), made their radio debut yesterday in Yiddish, both of them in the ministry of music, and Miss Peck also by announcing me—and mind you, it was in Yiddish. We are thankful to God and gladly share this with you for your encouragement. With such remarkable progress I expect great help from them in the very near future."

Dr. Joshua Gravett, Pastor  
Galilee Baptist Church  
Denver, Colorado

"I share your feelings on your being called upon to give up Dr. Gregg. You have lost a sincere lover of the work to which you are Divinely commissioned. We do not forget you."

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tended. Our hearts have burned within us. Lives have been cleansed and set apart for His service. Many have gone forth to wield the Sword of the Spirit. Others will follow, some to give a simple witness to Christ's saving and cleansing power, and others to teach and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ and His Word.

In a few short years, we have seen the marvelous result of such a simple program of spiritual warfare, even though on a limited scale. There are many full-time Christian workers at

home and abroad, and there are those who will support them. We would not forget the Bryan University soldiers for Christ in the Armed Forces. Others will follow in the train of those who have gone before.

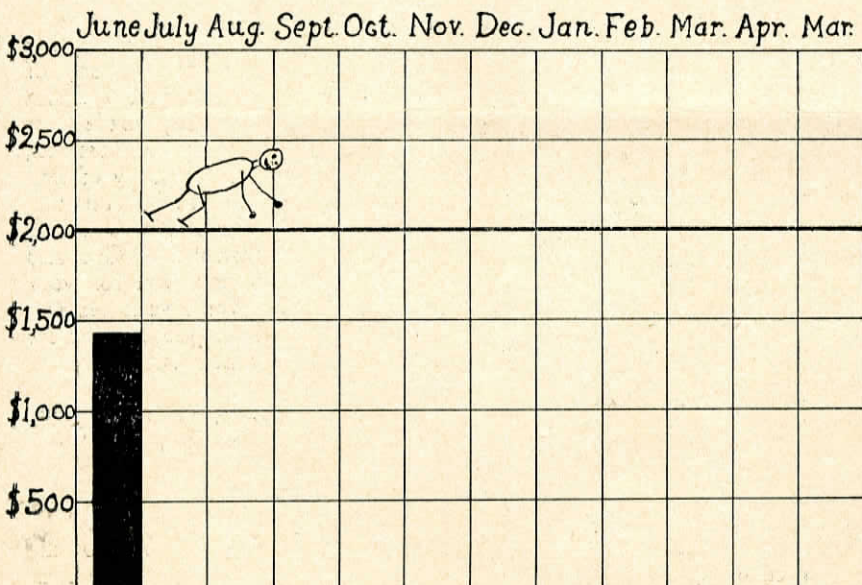
Pray ye, therefore, that this practical program may be enlarged. We have tasted the first fruits and anticipate greater victories, should the Lord tarry. Let us go faithfully about His business "Till He Come."

Earnestly yours,  
JUDSON A. RUDD,  
President.  
—THE 1944 COMMONER

## June Gift Receipts

1	.....\$ 1.00	42	..... 25.00	83	..... 10.00	124	..... 1.00
2	..... 2.00	43	..... 5.00	84	..... 2.00	125	..... 5.00
3	..... 2.00	44	..... 50.00	85	..... 5.00	126	..... 13.10
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41	..... 5.00	82	..... 25.00	123	..... 2.00		

Total ....\$1,436.47



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languages. The Classics. English—good English. The Romance languages. Public speaking. Debating. And major on a Spiritual atmosphere. Let small colleges come back to liberal arts Education, and quit trying to pack the universe into their heads. Education means drawing out, not packing in! Let the small college quit the back-breaking scramble and struggle for standardization and accrediting by some self-instituted, self-constituted, self-perpetuating committee of self-opinionated, egotistical high-browed intellectual snobs, and turn out graduates who "Have got something on the ball," and I'll guarantee they will live! There is a rising tide of disgust with the present educational racket that has imposed an expensive hoax on the country, in the form of the edict of some Moloch before which all must bow down or be bowed out. There is a growing number of hardheaded business men, and Godly church leaders or just hard-working fathers and mothers, plain every-day Christians, who are about "fed up" on things. The graduates of that deeply spiritual, sweet-spirited, family-like Bryan University at Dayton, Tenn., are not having any trouble going anywhere they want, and doing anything they want, and getting anything they want. When they come out of there they are Christians. They are Spiritual Christians. They are separated Christians. They are joyous, victorious, vivacious, glorious, happy Christians. And they are educated. And it does not cost a fortune either! Bryan University will live. And any school doing the same type of fine, real, definite Christian educating!

—The Harvester.

## Sam's Summary

Dear Folks:

My New Year comes in June, when the University begins its new fiscal year. On the chart you see me as I looked on the first day of June when I began the new race. And as best I can, I shall press hard toward the goal. With so many good friends boosting me on my way, I am sure that I can give reports that will make glad the hearts of everyone who is interested in and praying for Bryan and its progress.

Yours, in His service,

Sam